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Respectfully submitted,

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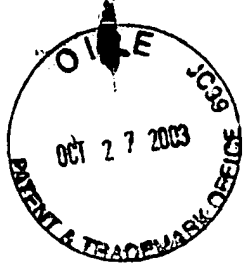
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In Reply to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed
October 2, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks:

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction/Election Requirement, the Examiner grouped pending claims 1-29 into five categories as follows:

Group I, claims 1 to 3 and 20, drawn to an antagonist;

Group II, claims 1 to 2, 4 to 8 and 20, drawn to an agonist;

Group III, claims 9 to 16, 18 to 19, and 21 to 26, drawn to a method of inducing vasculoprotective effects using an agonist;

Group IV, claims 27 and 28, drawn to a method of producing an artificial organ; and

Group V, claim 29 drawn to an artificial organ.

Applicants herein elect with traverse the claims of Group III, e.g., claims 9 to 16, 18 to 19, and 21 to 26, drawn to a method of inducing vasculoprotective effects using an agonist. Moreover, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims pursuant to 35 USC §121 and claiming priority to this application under 35 USC §120.

Any fees due with this Reply may be charged to Deposit
Account 23-1665 under Customer Number 27267.

If a telephone conference would aid in the continued
prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited and
encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the
telephone number listed below.

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